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Attached is an Amendment After Final Rejection for the above referenced matter.

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Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection. This Amendment simplifies issues for appeal by amending, in independent form, claims 30 and 31, presenting amendments to dependent claim 39 and presenting additional remarks for the Office's clarification. (The amendments to claim 39 are believed proper at this stage since they do not add new matter, and should not necessitate an additional search, since amended claim 39 recites subject matter that is related to subject matter presented in the original claims, e.g., original claim 11, and in previously presented claim 34.)

Moreover, Applicant believes the application to be in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance.

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